

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. *(original)* A method of generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising the steps of:

- (a) accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;
- (b) matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and
- (c) updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category.

2. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein step (c) comprises the step of incrementing a counter associated with the matched employment market category.

3. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein step (c) comprises the step of calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

4. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein step (c) comprises the steps of:

incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and

incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

5. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

6. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises the steps of:

matching the employment resource to a raw category;

matching the employment resource to an interim category; and

matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

7. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein the employment resource is a resume.

8. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein the employment resource is a job listing.

9. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein step (a) comprises the steps of:

sending a client request across the network to a server; and

receiving the employment resource via the network.

10. *(original)* The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - repeating steps (a) through (c) for each of a plurality of employment resources; and
 - for each of the plurality of market categories, plotting the associated statistical indicator.
11. *(original)* The method of claim 1, wherein step (c) comprises the steps of:
 - marking the updated statistical indicator with a time stamp that indicates a current time interval;
 - and storing the marked statistical indicator.
12. *(original)* A method of generating market statistics from a network, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) accessing a resource via the network, the resource comprising data;
 - (b) matching the data to one of a plurality of market categories; and
 - (c) updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched market category.
13. *(original)* A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:
 - means for accessing an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;

means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and

means for updating at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category.

14. (*original*) The system of claim 13, wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises means for incrementing a counter associated with the matched employment market category.

15. (*original*) The system of claim 13, wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises means for calculating a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

16. (*original*) The system of claim 13, wherein said means for updating at least one statistical indicator comprises:

means for incrementing a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and

means for incrementing a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

17. (*original*) The system of claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

18. (*original*) The system of claim 13, wherein said means for matching the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

means for matching the employment resource to a raw category;
means for matching the employment resource to an interim category; and
means for matching the employment resource to an employment market category.

19. (*original*) The system of claim 13, wherein the employment resource is a resume.

20. (*original*) The system of claim 13, wherein the employment resource is a job listing.

21. (*original*) The system of claim 13, wherein said means for accessing an employment resource comprises:

means for sending a client request across the network to a server; and
means for receiving the employment resource via the network.

22. (*original*) The system of claim 13, further comprising means for plotting the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.

23. (*original*) A system for generating employment market statistics from a network, comprising:
- a spider engine that accesses an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data; and
- a statistical analysis engine that matches the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories, and updates at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category.

24. (*original*) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer program logic stored therein, said computer program logic for generating employment market statistics from a network, wherein said computer program logic comprises:
- means for enabling the computer to access an employment resource via the network, the employment resource comprising data;
- means for enabling the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories; and
- means for enabling the computer to update at least one statistical indicator associated with the matched employment market category.

25. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein said means for enabling the computer to update at least one statistical indicator comprises means for incrementing a counter associated with the matched employment market category.

26. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein said means for enabling the computer to update at least one statistical indicator comprises means for enabling the computer to calculate a ratio of resumes associated with the matched employment market category to job listings associated with the matched employment market category.

27. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein said means for enabling the computer to update at least one statistical indicator comprises:

means for enabling the computer to increment a first counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a resume; and

means for enabling the computer to increment a second counter associated with the matched employment market category when the employment resource is a job listing.

28. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein each of the plurality of market categories corresponds to a particular labor type and region.

29. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein said means for enabling the computer to match the data to one of a plurality of employment market categories comprises:

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to a raw category;

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to an interim category; and

means for enabling the computer to match the employment resource to an employment market category.

30. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein the employment resource is a resume.

31. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein the employment resource is a job listing.

32. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, wherein said means for enabling the computer to access an employment resource comprises:

means for enabling the computer to send a client request across the network to a server; and

means for enabling the computer to receive the employment resource via the network.

33. (*original*) The computer program product of claim 24, further comprising means for enabling the computer to plot the associated statistical indicator for each of the plurality of market categories.